

Minutes of the Suffield Economic Development Commission
Town Hall - Feb. 21, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Howard Orr, Roger Tracy, Gloria Smith, Susan Thorner, Brian Banak

Absent: Lynda Montefusco, Caroline d'Otreppe

Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Chairman Howard Orr called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes – Ms. Thorner moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting; Mr. Tracy seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comment: None

Bridge Street School – Mr. McMahon reported that the University of Hartford students have walked through the building and are working with the land agencies. A Public Forum is being considered to discuss uses for this building. There will be three Open Houses for the Bridge Street School so that residents will have opportunity to visit the school. Mr. Banak suggested that the Town have a referendum on uses of this facility; let the residents decide which use they will support.

Ffyer Place Redevelopment – CVS is considering the purchase of the front acres of the Laureno property and are meeting with Town Officials. A Request For Proposal (RFP) for use of the existing Town Highway Garage has been issued. One option could be a new garage on the Reynolds Metal property that the Town owns.

Light Industrial Development – A RFP for engineering services for the utilities extension down Route #75 will soon be issued. The Town has received a STEAP grant for reconstruction of Canal Road, but the grant needs to go before Town Meeting for acceptance.

Bradley Development Zone – The Airport Administrator will be convening a meeting with the Assessors of the 4 Towns to discuss the procedures for the abatements which are available for those businesses whose applications are approved.

Director's Report - Mr. McMahon reported that the Landfill had received a grant for the expansion of the landfill; luckily the bids came in low, and now the Town will be able to expand approximately twice as much acreage (3-4 acres).

Kent Memorial Library – Tecton was awarded the Project; the KML Foundation has agreed to fully fund the design cost, approximately \$80,000.

The Assessor has announced that the Grand List has increased by 1.57%.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.MINUTES.Feb.21.2013

